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Staff meeting.

Arthur Roseborough came to see me this morning. He has left the bank in Durham, North Carolina, and is now representing Charlie Wrightsman and the Getty oil interests in exploration companies which they have formed or are in process of formation to develop petroleum resources in metropolitan France and in Lebanon.

Pierre Paul Schweitzer, Financial Counselor of the French Embassy, came to say goodbye to me. He will shortly become the head of the French Treasury in Paris. He is a man of exceptional ability and character.

Mr. Herrington came in to say goodbye and to extend me an invitation to do some fishing on the West Coast, especially for steelhead trout.

I got a haircut at the Metropolitan Club and, before so doing, badly cut one finger in an automobile door.

I had a talk with Doc Matthews regarding McClintock at our Embassy in Cairo. He will have to be recalled immediately, especially since Caffery wishes it.

I went down to see Senator George in connection with the Danish Government's claim for ships taken over by the United States Government during the war. I left with him Ambassador de Kauffmann's letter to Senator Wiley on the subject.

I then went over to see Francis Wilcox on the same matter. While I was with him Senator Wiley came in and we had a short discussion of it. I explained to the three gentlemen whom I had interviewed that, without entering into any question of the amount of compensation at issue, in principle I felt as a citizen [redacted] we must bring this affair to a final resolution. It had been going on for ten years and the Executive Branch

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of the Government seemed unable to reach agreement regarding it. Since the State Department, under the present Administration, had informed Ambassador de Kauffmann that it had no objection to his referring the matter to the Congress, I suggested that at an appropriate time Senator Wiley ascertain whether the new Administration, and especially Secretary Dulles, would take the same view.

I had a long meeting with Messrs. Bohlen, Barbour, Riddleberger, Armstrong, Phillips, Nolting and Morwitz on the PSB escapee program, phase B, which will come up before the PSB Board tomorrow. Jimmy Riddleberger objects to certain language which had been proposed, since the flow of escapees from East to West Germany has already over-strained the reception facilities in Berlin.

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